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## WAYSIDE CHATS WITH OLD VIRGINIA EDITORS

Approving the plan to form a West Virginia press association, the Clifton Forge Review remarks that "West Virginia has more daily newspapers than Virginia." The handicap should be overcome. Several of the Virginia weeklies are experimenting with a daily issue, and it is probable that there are others that could try the plan with success.

The Lynchburg News wants to know why the blindly partisan Republican press doesn't lay blame for the European war upon President Wilson.

If the newspapers of the State don't stop kidding us about the mistakes of ours in spelling, we lookers-on will never, never quote another piece of poetry. And then what will the editors who have no copy of Bartlett do?

"Dear brother, we just believe you are one of the unfortunates, brightest darlings of them all," says the Orange Observer, speaking, of course, of ourselves, and how the jealous old darling of the Newport News Press is more convinced than ever that Sister Bertha is a flirt. But let him think what he wants, we don't care.

"Gay Paris will probably not be so festive when the stern, resolute Germans arrive," says the Newport News Times-Herald. And the Germans will probably not be so stern and resolute when they leave.

To the Blackstone Courier: Our system is to credit it to the first paper we see it in.

The Norfolk Virginian-Pilot argues very well that the one-term plank in the Democratic platform was conditioned upon eventualities that have not yet materialized, and that accordingly President Wilson is not the Democratic candidate is bound by it, but what's the use? Those who want to criticize President Wilson must find some way to do it, and as there is no weak point in his armor, they must attack the strong points.

Says the Halifax Gazette: "Second in importance to the European war in the papers of Richmond is the fact that the street cars in that city recently began stopping on the new side of the street." And the New York World says: "Don't blame it on the motorman today when you forget to go to the near-crossing for your car." All the metropolitan cities are doing it.

## THE BRIGHT SIDE

**Her Reason.**  
Mistress—Why did you place the alarm clock beside the pan of dough, Mary?  
Mary—So it would know what time to rise, mum.—Boston Transcript.

**Mean Things.**  
Marie—That's a beautiful gown you have on!  
Molly—Do you know that lace is forty years old?  
Marie—That so? Spot it yourself!—Tit-Bits.

**Spot Lights.**  
A detective was being congratulated by a New York reporter on the conduct of a famous case.  
"How did you do it?" you must have employed some marvellous method," said the reporter.  
"Oh, no," said the detective. He added: "You cast a great deal of light on a criminal just by shadowing him."—Exchange.

**The New Slum of Life.**  
Life is short and time is fleeting.  
Let us not then be reticent.  
For the call is strong, my brothers,  
To be up and doing others.

**Rhodes and Rains.**  
Among the stories in the Duchess of Aosta's new book is one relating to the celebrated statue of Cecil Rhodes, which stood in the main square of Bulawayo. The empire builder is figured in contemplation of his achievement, with head bowed.

The whole district had been grievously plagued by drought for over a twelve-month period. The natives got up a great agitation and marched in enormous numbers to the square, and, throwing around the statue of Cecil Rhodes, insisted that it should immediately be given a top hat.

The saint that "Heaven respects this great creator of empire far too much to send the needed rain while he stands there bareheaded."

**A Widow Party.**  
A Chicago widow celebrated the silver anniversary of her widowhood with a grand party attended by twenty-five other widows. The hostess said it was the happiest party she ever had, and everybody present declared they would thus celebrate their twenty-fifth anniversary, for they all declared they would never marry again, though there were several widowers on the porch trying to get in with the avowed purpose of ending the widowhood of some of the guests. But they were not admitted, which was as much as to say that the guests did not want any of those old widowers fooling around them. The lesson of this party was that if there is any class of our citizenship that has a right to a little self-protection, it is thoughtful and charming widows of a community. If not the cream of society, who are?—Ohio State Journal.

**More in His Pouch.**  
There was a certain bishop who had a pleasant habit of chatting with anybody he might meet during his country walks. One day he came across a lad who was looking after a flock of sheep on the roadside, and the bishop paused to ask him what he was doing, that being his usual opening to conversation.

"Moulding wool," the lad replied, stolidly. The bishop nodded his head thoughtfully. "Is that so?" he commented. "And how much of the German flock do you have?"

"Two shillings," was the reply.  
"Only two shillings?" remarked the bishop. Then he continued, pleasantly, "I too, am a shepherd, but I get more than two shillings."

The lad looked at him suspiciously for a minute, then he said slowly:  
"Maybe you gets more woolen than me to me!"—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

**Waste Not, Want Not.**  
Gerard had a small dog, a little cat, and in it he was taking the great of his heart for a spin between tea and supper.  
Proud of being able to turn a corner without seriously damaging the bodies, he was letting the car out at a hill. Up hill and down dale they tore at a gallant pace.

"Oh, Gerard, isn't it lovely?" shouted Cynthia, as they topped a mighty hill and behind the country spread out far below them. But she got no answer, for they were already turning down the hill, the stick of a rocket, Gerard, with a moist forehead and bulging eyes, shouted in her ear.

"The brakes have given way!"  
"Oh, Gerard, how awful!" shrieked the poor girl, clinging to her seat. "Can't you stop it?"  
"Oh, Gerard, dear, I give all the money in the world to get out."

"Don't part with a ha'penny!" gasped Gerard, who was of Scottish descent. "Well, I got out for nothing when the car hits that gate down there!"—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

**Phonon Concerning Sappho.**  
That she is fair of face I know full well.  
Her tumbled lips are touched with Delphic fire,  
Her hair is the honeyed tress of wild desire.  
She waves about the world her lyric spell.  
When her deft fingers sweep the sounding shell  
This is Apollo's self that has struck the lyre.  
Waking to music the immortal choir  
Which in the shining courts of morning dwell.

Yet, even to a man with dove-like eyes—  
A gentle maid for whom dawn peaceful days  
Who thrills her busy distaff fluff  
Content and glad in simple household ways—  
My heart turns at the bird that hovers there,  
Leaving the queen of song to her proud ways.  
—James B. Kenyon.

## Current Editorial Comment

**President Wilson has requested a denial of the report that he had sent a message to the German Emperor against the destruction of Belgian cities by German troops.**

Neutral nations do not rush in with formal protests in such matters, at least not until the facts have been established beyond official question. Whatever the world may believe, and however it may feel about the outrages at Louvain, this is not the time for bystanders to lurch in. We must know more and have proofs that cannot be set aside. Meanwhile the United States will be busy enough remodeling its own industries and preparing for greater prosperity.—Baltimore News.

**The President's message to Congress, asking Congress to provide additional revenues for the government, as is usual with his messages, went simply and directly to the heart of the matter.**

It was not his place to make specific suggestions as to the articles to be taxed; his duty it was to make clear the necessity for the tax and to prepare the minds of the people for it. This he did admirably.

When Congress gets down to details it will probably find that if it cuts the honest graft out of the rivers and harbors bill and exercises economy in other directions it will be able to make the war tax lighter than otherwise. We hope it will then have the courage to do the right thing.—Baltimore Sun.

**In time, the United States will adjust itself to the new conditions. The United States can stand alone. It is the only country that can. If the war is prolonged, we shall see the American people come together and work a way presently out of commercial embarrassment.**

Let not the Southern farmer think himself solitary in the present trying circumstances. Every industry in America is affected and nine in ten, whether in Massachusetts, Ohio or Montana, is confronted with serious problems. It is certainly not a time for despair. The United States is to-day, of all the world, the great, strong, sound giant among the nations, and the United States is at peace with her neighbors.—Columbia Star.

**But of all the voices that have so far made themselves heard the voice of Kipling rings out the clearest. The author of "Recessional" has been slow to speak. Now that he has spoken, it can not be claimed for him that he has given the world an immortal hymn; but the lack of lack of the great is deprived of the pleasure which they would have found in howling over "another Kipling failure." Fine and strong and stirring is his "For All We Have and Are." There is no bombast about it, no flow of words. It is a forceful expression of the feeling which at the tremendous moment in the empire's history animates every Briton in the feeling that the fate of England and of all that England stands for in the modern world is at stake—that, for Britons, life is not worth while if British freedom, faith and death is of no consequence provided British freedom endures.**

**"There's but one task for all. For each one of us. Who stands if Freedom fall? Who dies if England live?"**—Charleston News and Courier.

**No Promise Sacred.**  
The present outbreak finds Germany doing her first hard fighting against Belgium. The promises and precedents of over eighty years are thrown to the winds, and the neutral territory feels the harshest rigors of war. The Germans go even farther and demand a \$10,000,000 ransom from Brussels, which is the same thing as assaulting a peaceful citizen and then robbing him to pay your expenses. The terrible thing is that these measures are taken at the very heart of the struggle, and are, therefore, not the result of dire necessity, but of the coolly and carefully laid plans of the German general staff. These plans must have been known to the Kaiser, and must have been approved by him. Germany stands before the world as the embodiment of brutal military force, a power to which no promise is sacred.—Columbia Weekly.

**A special tax for the provision of \$100,000,000 is asked by the head of the nation, and Congress will doubtless concur in the recommendation. This is an index of the cost to America of the war. Mr. Wilson did not desire any manner for the collection of the tax, so that the earnest advisement for the creation of an inheritance tax may be considered by Congress as thus would be brought into action a form of taxation, not only practical and fair.**

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**Queries and Answers.**  
Verses Wanted.  
Will you publish the verses with the turn? I think whatever Gods there be. For my unquenchable soul, etc?

Either that or we shall be glad to forward to you if some reader will send copy.

**German.**  
Of what ancestry are the Germans? Which President of the United States had most German blood, and which had least?—WILLIAM.

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**Pope Joan.**  
What is the amount of truth in the story that a woman—Pope Joan—was at the head of the Church of Rome about the year 850?

We do not know. There is strong array of testimony for and against the story. Gibson, chap. 69, calls the tale a "fable."

**Profitless Pity.**  
We sigh for the man who might have been great.  
If he only had tried in a sensible way.  
We witness his fall and we pity his fate.  
We blame the foul chances that sent him astray.

We think of the wonders he never has done.  
We dismally speak of the talent he had.  
And grievously, solemnly thinking him one.  
Whom fortune has cheated, we murmur:  
"Too bad!"

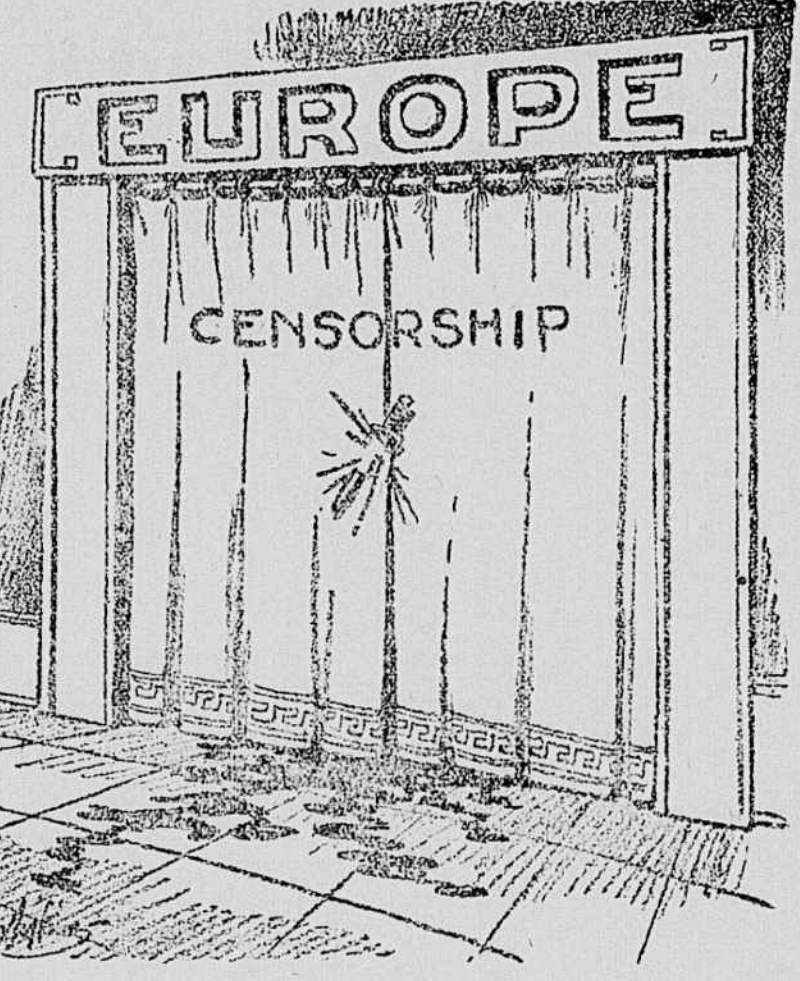
We never waste sighs on the poor little man who strives without talent, obscure and unschooled.  
Who daily is doing the best that he can.  
By worthiness urged and by decency ruled.  
We never have pity for him as we pass.  
Where, lacking fair gifts, he is trying to rise.  
His case never moves us to murmur, "Alas!"  
No matter how bravely he manfully tries.

Ah, well, perhaps heaven, when heaven is gained.  
Will furnish the gifts the unnoticed ones lack.  
And there the ambitious who have not complained.  
May win all their hopes and their eagerness back.  
But never in heaven if heaven is fair.  
May the talented ones who have fallen in shame.

Partake of the glory the worthy may share.  
Or find any joy in the city they claim.  
—Chicago Record-Herald.

## IT LEAKS OUT, NEVERTHELESS

ONE OF THE DAYS BEST CARTOONS.



## Does the Present Titanic Struggle Mean the Downfall of Monarchy?

Remaking of Europe Series  
By HERBERT CAXTON

### Chapter 3—METTERNICH—Part 4

**Kossuth Leads Revolt.**  
Even in Austria the growth of the national spirit showed itself in the period preceding 1848, the year of revolutions. The Czechs resented the predominance of German rule in Bohemia. The Hungarians resented the predominance of Magyar rule in Hungary. The Slovaks resented the predominance of Magyar rule in Slovakia. The Poles resented the predominance of Magyar rule in Poland. The Italians resented the predominance of Austrian rule in Italy. The Greeks resented the predominance of Ottoman rule in Greece. The Serbs resented the predominance of Magyar rule in Serbia. The Rumanians resented the predominance of Magyar rule in Rumania. The Bulgarians resented the predominance of Magyar rule in Bulgaria. The Greeks resented the predominance of Ottoman rule in Greece. The Serbs resented the predominance of Magyar rule in Serbia. The Rumanians resented the predominance of Magyar rule in Rumania. The Bulgarians resented the predominance of Magyar rule in Bulgaria.

Then ensued years of missionary work, spreading the gospel of Italian unity and freedom to all people Magyar, with a price on his head, had to spend most of his life in London. Working each in his own way were Ballo, Robert D'Azeglio, Cavour, and others. Cavour, an aristocrat and a soldier, resigned from the army to study agriculture in all its relations in order to teach his countrymen how to prosper and how to be free. The only direction of Italy, long and painful, had begun.

Naples revolutionists opened the 1848 ball by extorting a constitution from their King, and the news of the success of the revolution in France, Austria, and elsewhere greatly encouraged Italy. Some states granted small concessions to the people. Charles Albert of Piedmont, perhaps went farther in this direction than any other ruler, unless it was the Pope. The revolution at this time, nevertheless, failed for want of cooperation and reaction set in as usual, the liberals being made to feel that the Italian monarchs were not discouraged. It was a hopeful sign to them that a King should lead them, and they had reason to look with the same favor on his successor, Victor Emmanuel II.

Before we see Louis Kossuth arise to champion the downtrodden and with him Francis Deak and other patriots. After years of agitation, during which he suffered imprisonment and other persecutions, he toured the world, arousing many nations to a sense of the peoples wrongs. He succeeded so well that by 1848 he became the leader of the opposition in the diet, where his oratory carried everything before him.

He spoke not only for Hungary, but for the whole people of Austria, and his speech in March roused the nation. Fists broke forth in many large cities. Mobs surrounded the palace and besieged it by troops in Hungary. The Emperor and Metternich denounced the Emperor and Metternich, and the country went wild with joy. Hungary's